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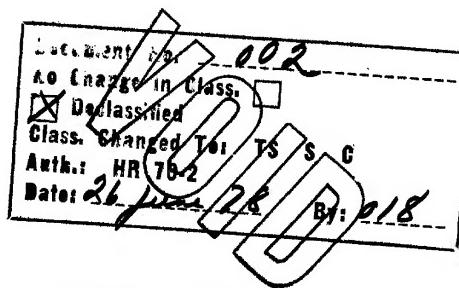
1. Every Sunday in August 1950, the male population of Drabishna (sic) District of Ivailovgrad, was compelled to work along a strip of the Greek-Bulgarian border situated about one mile east of the village. Under supervision of the border guards, the Bulgarian side of the border was cleared of all trees, bushes, and shrubs to about one hundred meters in depth. After the clearing, a strip of land about thirty meters wide was plowed clean and holes, approximately two feet deep, were dug at irregular intervals. A shrub fence was erected at the lower end of the plowed land.
2. Mines were not laid in the presence of the laborers but everyone believed that the holes were possibly intended for mines* and the purpose of the fence was to keep stray animals from the minefields.
3. A border Zastava is located at the village of Slaveevo (sic). Its personnel amounts to about one hundred men.**

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: Two foot holes appear too deep for mines.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: Previous and more reliable information places the average complement of a Zastava at about forty men.

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